

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 562 - SB 1207

February 18, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to release a child's age, gender, and whether or not the department has a history with the child when investigating a child near fatality. The department must release the final disposition of the case along with the full case file following the final classification of child abuse or neglect near fatality.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, DCS is required to release the child's age, gender, and whether the department has a history with the child when investigating a child fatality. Expanding this requirement to include investigations of near fatalities will not significantly affect the workload or resources of the department.
- Currently, DCS is required to release the full case file following the final classification of child abuse or neglect near fatalities. Including the final disposition of the case will not significantly affect the workload or resources of the department.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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